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In the application of:

Ira Sasowsky et al.

Serial No.: 09/776,298

Filed: February 2, 2001

Title: METHOD FOR
REMOVING METALS
FROM AQUEOUS
SOLUTIONS USING
MIXED LITHIC
MATERIALS

) Group Art Unit: 1724 OFFICE OF PETITIONS

) Examiner: Chester T. Barry

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**PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED
APPLICATION FOR PATENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.137**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.137 on the grounds that the abandonment of the above-identified application was completely unintentional, and without their authorization. Notably, this petition is being filed within one year of the date of abandonment.

In particular, the application became abandoned on July 2, 2003, as a result of the failure to properly respond to the outstanding Office Action. Believing in good faith that the application, as amended by the present response, was in a condition for allowance following a telephone interview with Examiner, the after-final response was filed without a Request for Continued Examination. The Commissioner will appreciate

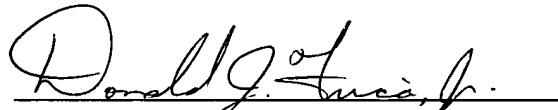
that this failure to respond to the outstanding Office Action was completely unintentional.

The Applicants are also submitting herewith a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, a Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, a revocation and substitute power of attorney, and authorization to charge any fees resulting from this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0959 (Docket No. 089498.0372).

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the abandonment be held to be unintentional, and that Application Serial No. 09/776,298 be revived.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Director to charge the petition fee in the amount of \$665.00 (Applicants being a small entity) and any payments or underpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0959 (Ref. No. 089498.0372), should the Office believe any additional fees are presently due.

Respectfully submitted



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